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**Transmittal Letter
Request for Continued Prosecution Application under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
Continuation Application
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the filing of a continuation application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) of the below-identified prior application.

The prior application is identified as follows:

1. Serial number: 09/216,545
2. Filing Date: December 18, 1998
3. Title as originally filed: PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH AN EASY OPENING FEATURE
5. Applicants as originally filed: Thomas Harold Roessler; Jody Dorothy Suprise; Robert Eugene Vogt; and Timothy James Blenke
7. Address of First Named Applicant in Prior Application: 1034 Greendale Court
Menasha, WI 54952
8. Correspondence Address of Prior Application: Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.,
401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.

The prior application is currently pending before Examiner K. Reichle in Group 3761. The entirety of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

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It is respectfully submitted that the above prior application is a nonprovisional application that is either: a complete application as defined by Sec. 1.51(b) or the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371.

This application is being filed before the earliest of: payment of the issue fee on the prior application, unless a petition under Sec. 1.313(b)(5) is granted in the prior application; abandonment of the prior application; or termination of proceedings on the prior application.

Applicants understand that the present request for a CPA under Section 1.53(d) is a request to expressly abandon, without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter contained therein, the prior above-identified application as of the grant of a filing date of the present request for an application under Rule 53(d).

And, if indicated:

☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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☒ Please consider the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

The filing fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (b), (c) and (d), has been calculated, after entry, if applicable, of any amendments, as follows:

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Independent Claims	3	-3 =	0	x 84 (fee code 1201) =	\$0.00
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				Base Fee (fee code 1001)	\$740.00
				TOTAL	\$758.00

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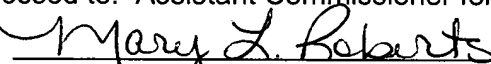
Respectfully submitted,

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